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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A computer system ~~according to claim 5,~~
having an alternate activity indicator comprising:

an indictor configured to provide illumination and being visible from a front panel of the computer system, the illumination of the indicator being provided in response to the presence of a first continuous operating condition;

an activity detection circuit coupled to the indicator, the activity detection circuit being configured to generate an activity signal indicative of the presence of a second periodic operating condition associated with a component of the computer system, and to communicate the activity signal to the indicator;

wherein the indicator is configured to be interrupted from illuminating in response to the presence of the first continuous operating condition by the activity signal to thereby produce an indication of the second periodic operating condition comprising intervals when the indicator is interrupted from illuminating in response to the presence of the first continuous operating condition;

wherein the activity indicator includes a single color LED;

wherein the continuous indication by the activity indicator is characterized by illumination of the activity indicator, and interruption of the continuous indication of the activity indicator is characterized by extinguishing the activity indicator; and

wherein the first continuous operating condition includes a power-on operating condition, and the second periodic operating condition includes a hard disk drive operating condition.

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7. through 16. (Cancelled)